

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 AERON DAVIS,

4 Plaintiff,

5 v.

6 STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

7 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-01082-APG-VCF

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9 ORDER

10 On July 13, 2023, pro se plaintiff Aeron Davis, an inmate in the custody of the
11 Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and
12 applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1, 1-1). Plaintiff's application to proceed
13 *in forma pauperis* is incomplete because Plaintiff did not include an inmate trust fund
14 account statement for the previous six-month period with the application. The Court will
15 deny Plaintiff's application without prejudice and give Plaintiff the opportunity to correct
this deficiency **by September 15, 2023.**

16 **I. DISCUSSION**

17 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees
18 from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights
19 action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. See 28
20 U.S.C. § 1914(b). "Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply
21 to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis.*" Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an
22 inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the
23 following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed *in Forma***
24 **Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court's approved form, that is properly
25 signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is
26 page 4 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a
27 prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account**
28 **statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev.

1 Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her
2 obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments.
3 See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

4 As explained above, Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is
5 incomplete. The Court will therefore deny Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma*
6 *pauperis* without prejudice and grant Plaintiff an extension of time to either pay the filing
7 fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three
8 required documents.

9 **II. CONCLUSION**

10 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1)
11 is denied without prejudice.

12 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until September 15, 2023**, to either pay the
13 full \$402 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
14 with all three required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two
15 signatures on page 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the
16 inmate and the prison or jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account
17 statement for the previous six-month period.

18 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
19 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff
20 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
21 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

22 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff the approved form application to
23 proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same and retain the
24 complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

25 DATED THIS 17th day of July 2023.
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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE